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TO: Each Health Deputy

FROM: Jonathan E. Freedman
Chief Deputy Director

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S INTENT TO
ESTABLISH A PURCHASE ORDER FOR A SOLE SOURCE CONSULTANT
AGREEMENT WITH NEIL KLEPEIS AND ASSOCIATES**

This is to notify you of the intent of the Department of Public Health (DPH) Tobacco Control and Prevention Program to establish a Purchase Order (PO) for a sole source consultant agreement with Neil Klepeis and Associates, at a cost of \$100,000. Funds for this PO will come from a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), for tobacco control and prevention services related to Project TRUST. There will be no net County cost associated with this agreement.

DPH has received CDC ARRA funding to promote and establish smoking bans and restrictive smoking ordinances in Los Angeles County. Neil Klepeis and Associates will measure outdoor air particulates related to tobacco smoke in up to 200 outdoor sites throughout the county. The results of these measurements will be summarized in a total of nine reports that will highlight key scientific evidence on the concentrations of and potential exposures to harmful contaminants in outdoor settings. Additionally, Neil Klepeis and Associates will provide protocols and procedures for measuring air particulates that may be used by DPH and community partners to conduct similar studies in the future. The results of this data will be used to inform public education campaigns and tobacco control policy development.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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